



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
2011 EAST PARK RESERVOIR TULE ELK HUNT
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General Information: Congratulations on receiving a tag for the East Park Reservoir Tule Elk Hunt. This letter contains information regarding the mandatory hunter orientation which you must attend in order to legally hunt tule elk.

Hunter Orientation: Hunter orientations will be held the afternoon prior to the opening of each hunt period. You will be contacted with additional information about the time and location of each orientation.

Topics to be discussed at the orientation will include access to hunting areas, care of your game, and hunting regulations. Instructions will be provided regarding check station requirements.

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk/tule/hunts.html>

Visit the above website address for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address). All successful elk hunters are required to have their tags validated. To have your elk tag validated, please contact the Department or any person listed in Section 708 of the California Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers.

Please be aware that only **muzzleloaders** (as defined in Title 14, Section 353) may be used on USDI Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) land in the vicinity of East Park Reservoir. By county ordinance, all other firearms (including archery equipment) are prohibited on land administered by the Bureau of Reclamation. Other firearms (as defined in Section 353) may be used on private land, USFS and BLM land within the hunt zone. Access to the BOR property will be limited and restricted to main roads only.

BOR property in the vicinity of East Park Reservoir will be open to bull and antlerless elk hunting. The BOR property will be open to bull elk hunting **September 12th-15th** and antlerless elk hunting **September 19st-22th and September 26th - 29th**. Only two hunters will be allowed on the property at one time. Contact Joe Hobbs (916) 445-9992 if you wish to hunt on the BOR property during those dates. If more than two hunters want access then a drawing will be held to determine order of access. Please remember bull elk hunters could be hunting on the BOR property prior to the area being open to antlerless hunting. Please limit any scouting prior to or after these hunts.

Some elk within the hunt area have been fitted with radio collars to provide us with important management information. In the event that you take a collared elk, please contact either Mr. Joe Hobbs at (916) 445-9992 or Mr. Josh Bush (916) 374-9137 immediately so we can make arrangements to get the collar. To prevent loss of data, it is important to contact us as soon as possible.

The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth (and only the two front teeth, please do not send in sections of the jaw) and submit them to the Department. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk> for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your hunting license number (from the 2011-2012 license year). Please note that these results may not be available until **December** of the **following** year

Please remember that all hunters must return tag report cards to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season regardless of whether an elk was taken.

Care of Meat: Conditions during the elk hunting season can be quite warm. It is critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or bone your elk immediately after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in flyproof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful. Be prepared to remove all portions of a harvested animal in a timely fashion to prevent wanton waste, violators will be cited.

Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. If you need information as you plan for your hunt please contact Mr. Joe Hobbs, Elk Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-9992. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!